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# News release

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## Disciplinary Committee ordered Exclusion from Membership\*

On 11 March 2020 the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Andrew Searle of London, United Kingdom:

### Allegations

1. It is alleged that between 01 August 2016 to 02 February 2019 while Mr Andrew Searle was a Member but did not hold a valid practising certificate issued by the Association:
  - (a) He carried on in public practice, in particular he prepared accounts for the firms listed in Schedule 1 contrary to Regulation 3(1)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations (2016 - 2019);
  - (b) He was Director of The Firm, where public practice was carried on in the name of the firm, contrary to Regulation 3(2)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations (2016 - 2019);
  - (c) He held 100% of the shares of The Firm, which put him in the position of Principal in that company, which carried on public practice in the name of the firm, contrary to Regulation 3(2)(b) of the Global Practising Regulations (2016 - 2019);
2. Mr Andrew Searle submitted CPD Declarations in 2017 and 2018 which declared that he had not engaged in public practice activities in the previous 12 months.

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3. Mr Andrew Searle's conduct in respect of any or all of the matters set out at 2 above was:

(a) Dishonest, in that he submitted declarations to ACCA which he knew to be false;

4. By reason of his conduct in respect of any or all of the matters set out at 1 to 3 above, Mr Andrew Searle is

(a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i);

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Searle be excluded from Membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £4,000.

Please note that this may be the subject of an appeal.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee's findings and orders by way of a news release, as soon as practicable.

*\* An order made by the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the date of expiry of the Appeal Period referred to in the Appeal Regulations unless the Committee directs that the order should have immediate effect*

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ACCA supports its **219,000** members and **527,000** students (including affiliates) in **179** countries, helping them to develop successful careers in accounting and business, with the skills required by employers. ACCA works through a network of **110** offices and centres and **7,571** Approved Employers worldwide, and **328** approved learning providers who provide high standards of learning and development.

Through its public interest remit, ACCA promotes appropriate regulation of accounting and conducts relevant research to ensure accountancy continues to grow in reputation and influence.

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